# Appendix B Wet-Weather Hydrology Calibration and Validation for the Los Angeles River Watershed

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# Hydrology Calibration for Rio Hondo above Stuart and Gray Road (gage F45B-R, model subwatershed 32).

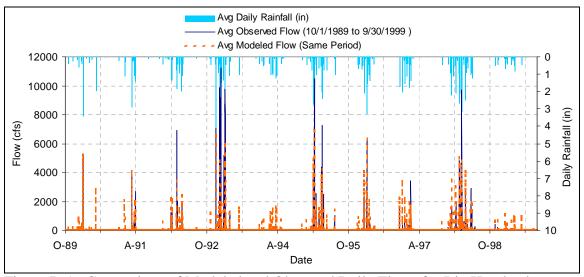


Figure B-1. Comparison of Modeled and Observed Daily Flows for Rio Hondo above Stuart and Gray Road.

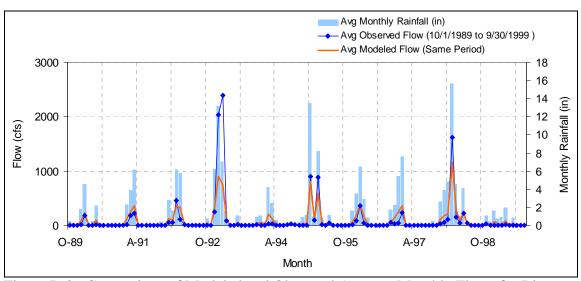


Figure B-2. Comparison of Modeled and Observed Average Monthly Flows for Rio Hondo above Stuart and Gray Road.

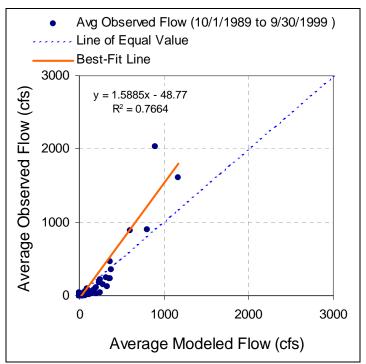


Figure B-3. Regression of Modeled and Observed Average Monthly Flows for Rio Hondo above Stuart and Gray Road.

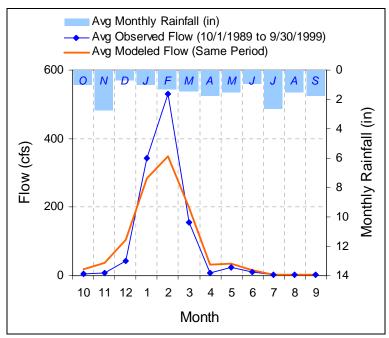


Figure B-4. Seasonal Variation of Modeled and Observed Flows for Rio Hondo above Stuart and Gray Road.

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Table B-1. Volumes and Relative Error of Modeled Flows Versus Observed Flows for Rio Hondo above Stuart and Gray Road.

LSPC Simulated Flow		Observed Flow Gage				
REACH OUTFLOW FROM SUBBASIN 32 10-Year Analysis Period: 10/1/1989 - 9/30/1999 Flow volumes are (inches/year) for upstream drainage are	a Volume (acre-ft)	Flow Gage F45B-R Los Angeles, CA	Volume (acre-ft)			
Total Simulated In-stream Flow:	64,476	Total Observed In-stream Flow:	66,723			
Total of simulated highest 10% flows: Total of Simulated lowest 50% flows:	61,802 544	Total of Observed highest 10% flows: Total of Observed Lowest 50% flows:	65,947 75			
Simulated Summer Flow Volume (months 7-9): Simulated Fall Flow Volume (months 10-12): Simulated Winter Flow Volume (months 1-3):	458 9,814 49,101	Observed Summer Flow Volume (7-9): Observed Fall Flow Volume (10-12): Observed Winter Flow Volume (1-3):	422 3,510 60,202			
Simulated Spring Flow Volume (months 4-6):	5,104	Observed Spring Flow Volume (4-6):	2,589			
Errors (Simulated-Observed)	Error (%)	Recommended Criteria				
Error in total volume:	-3.48	10				
Error in 50% lowest flows:	86.23	10				
Error in 10% highest flows:	-6.71	15				
Seasonal volume error - Summer:	7.91	30				
Seasonal volume error - Fall:	64.23	30				
Seasonal volume error - Winter:	-22.61	30				
Seasonal volume error - Spring:	49.28	30				

# Hydrology Calibration for the Los Angeles River at Tujunga Avenue (gage F300-R, model subwatershed 18).

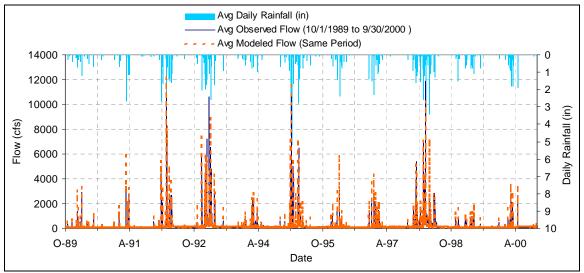


Figure B-5. Comparison of Modeled and Observed Daily Flows for the LA River at Tujunga Avenue.

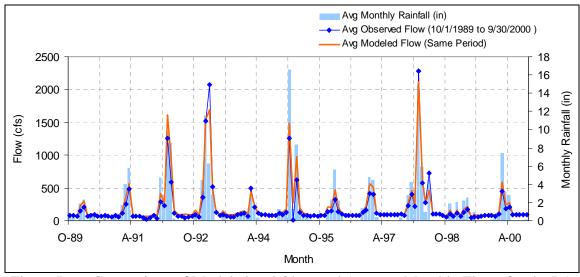


Figure B-6. Comparison of Modeled and Observed Average Monthly Flows for the LA River at Tujunga Avenue.

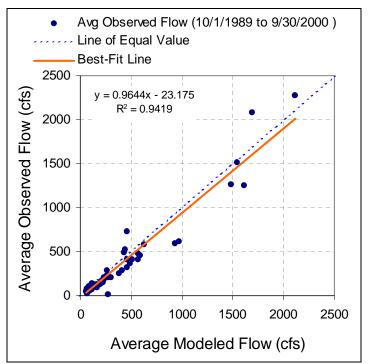


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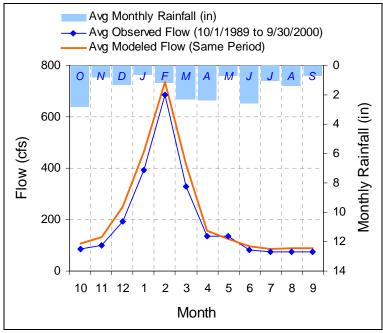


Figure B-8. Seasonal Variation of Modeled and Observed Flows for the LA River at Tujunga Avenue.

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Table B-2. Volumes and Relative Error of Modeled Flows Versus Observed Flows for the LA River at Tujunga Wash.

LSPC Simulated Flow		Observed Flow Gage					
REACH OUTFLOW FROM SUBBASIN 18 11-Year Analysis Period: 10/1/1989 - 9/30/2000 Flow volumes are (inches/year) for upstream drainage area Volume (acre-ft)		Flow Gage F300-R Los Angeles, CA Volume					
Total Simulated In-stream Flow:	163,562	Total Observed In-stream Flow:	140,805				
Total of simulated highest 10% flows: Total of Simulated lowest 50% flows:	105,868 27,168	Total of Observed highest 10% flows: Total of Observed Lowest 50% flows:	90,014 22,446				
Simulated Summer Flow Volume (months 7-9): Simulated Fall Flow Volume (months 10-12): Simulated Winter Flow Volume (months 1-3): Simulated Spring Flow Volume (months 4-6):	15,812 29,827 95,254 22,670	Observed Summer Flow Volume (7-9): Observed Fall Flow Volume (10-12): Observed Winter Flow Volume (1-3): Observed Spring Flow Volume (4-6):	13,531 23,069 82,831 21,375				
Errors (Simulated-Observed)	Error (%)	Recommended Criteria					
Error in total volume:	13.91	10					
Error in 50% lowest flows:	17.38	10					
Error in 10% highest flows:	14.97	15					
Seasonal volume error - Summer:	14.43	30					
Seasonal volume error - Fall:	22.66	30					
Seasonal volume error - Winter:	13.04	30					
Seasonal volume error - Spring:	5.71	30					

# Hydrology Validation for Burbank Western Storm Drain at Riverside Drive (gage F285-R, model subwatershed 19).

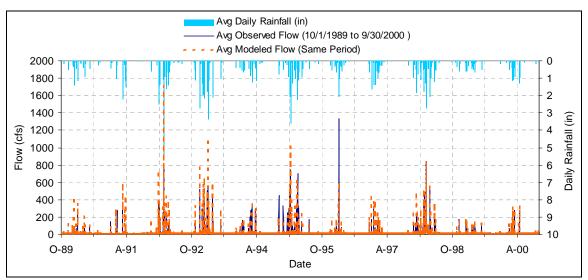


Figure B-9. Comparison of Modeled and Observed Daily Flows for Burbank Western Storm Drain at Riverside Drive.

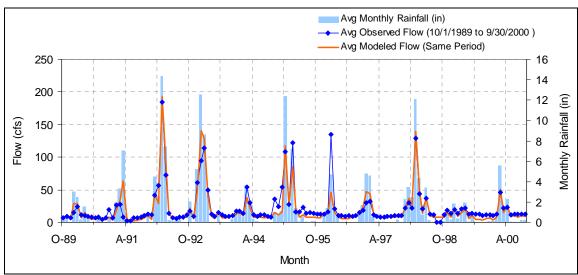


Figure B-10. Comparison of Modeled and Observed Average Monthly Flows for Burbank Western Storm Drain at Riverside Drive.

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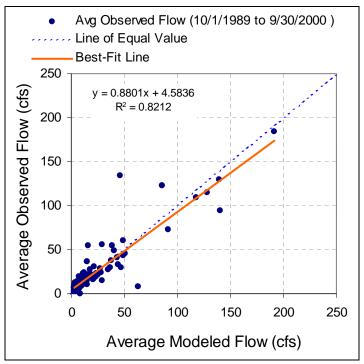


Figure B-11. Regression of Modeled and Observed Average Monthly Flows forBurbank Western Storm Drain at Riverside Drive.

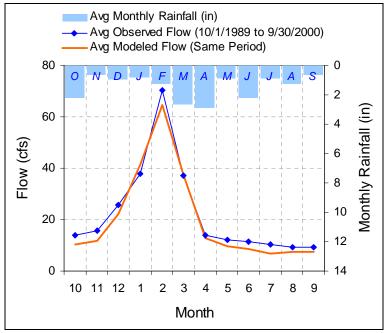


Figure B-12. Seasonal Variation of Modeled and Observed Flows for Burbank Western Storm Drain at Riverside Drive.

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Table B-3. Volumes and Relative Error of Modeled Flows Versus Observed Flows for Burbank Western Storm Drain at Riverside Drive.

LSPC Simulated Flow		Observed Flow Gage				
REACH OUTFLOW FROM SUBBASIN 19 11-Year Analysis Period: 10/1/1989 - 9/30/2000 Flow volumes are (inches/year) for upstream drainage area Volume (acre-ft)		Flow Gage F285-R Los Angeles, CA				
Total Simulated In-stream Flow:	14,372	Total Observed In-stream Flow:	Volume (acre-ft)			
Total of simulated highest 10% flows: Total of Simulated lowest 50% flows:	9,812 2,037	Total of Observed highest 10% flows: Total of Observed Lowest 50% flows:	9,232 2,870			
Simulated Summer Flow Volume (months 7-9): Simulated Fall Flow Volume (months 10-12): Simulated Winter Flow Volume (months 1-3): Simulated Spring Flow Volume (months 4-6):	1,315 2,690 8,491 1,877	Observed Summer Flow Volume (7-9): Observed Fall Flow Volume (10-12): Observed Winter Flow Volume (1-3): Observed Spring Flow Volume (4-6):	1,748 3,381 8,559 2,256			
Errors (Simulated-Observed)	Error (%)	Recommended Criteria				
Error in total volume:	-10.94	10				
Error in 50% lowest flows:	-40.94	10				
Error in 10% highest flows:	5.91	15				
Seasonal volume error - Summer:	-32.95	30				
Seasonal volume error - Fall:	-25.69	30				
Seasonal volume error - Winter:	-0.81	30				
Seasonal volume error - Spring:	-20.20	30				

# Hydrology Validation for Compton Creek near Greenleaf Drive (gage F37B-R, model subwatershed 33).

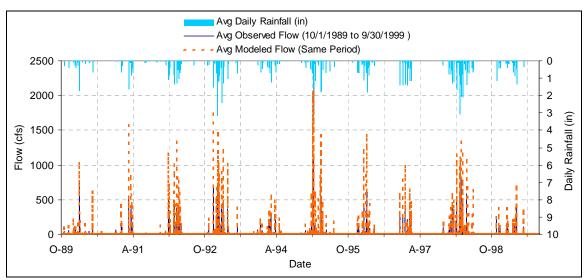


Figure B-13. Comparison of Modeled and Observed Daily Flows for Compton Creek near Greenleaf Drive.

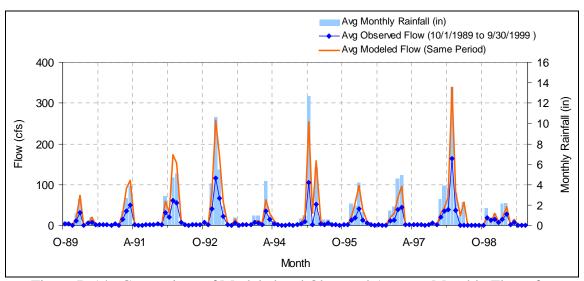


Figure B-14. Comparison of Modeled and Observed Average Monthly Flows for Compton Creek near Greenleaf Drive.

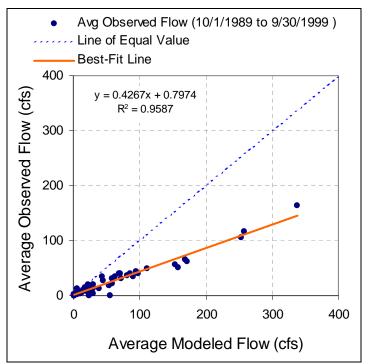


Figure B-15. Regression of Modeled and Observed Average Monthly Flows for Compton Creek near Greenleaf Drive.

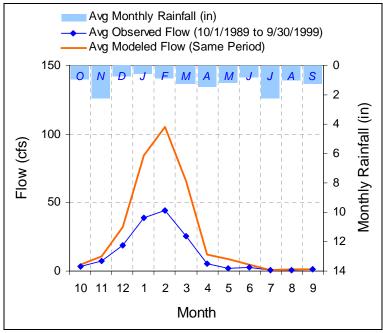


Figure B-16. Seasonal Variation of Modeled and Observed Flows for Compton Creek near Greenleaf Drive.

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Table B-4. Volumes and Relative Error of Modeled Flows Versus Observed Flows for Compton Creek near Greenleaf Drive.

LSPC Simulated Flow		Observed Flow Gage	
REACH OUTFLOW FROM SUBBASIN 33 10-Year Analysis Period: 10/1/1989 - 9/30/1999 Flow volumes are (inches/year) for upstream drainage are	a Volume (acre-ft)	Flow Gage F37B-R Los Angeles, CA	Volume (acre-ft)
Total Simulated In-stream Flow:	19,741	Total Observed In-stream Flow:	9,002
Total of simulated highest 10% flows: Total of Simulated lowest 50% flows:	18,842 362	Total of Observed highest 10% flows: Total of Observed Lowest 50% flows:	7,998 263
Simulated Summer Flow Volume (months 7-9): Simulated Fall Flow Volume (months 10-12): Simulated Winter Flow Volume (months 1-3): Simulated Spring Flow Volume (months 4-6):	224 2,923 15,072 1,522	Observed Summer Flow Volume (7-9): Observed Fall Flow Volume (10-12): Observed Winter Flow Volume (1-3): Observed Spring Flow Volume (4-6):	206 1,779 6,434 582
Errors (Simulated-Observed)	Error (%)	Recommended Criteria	
Error in total volume:	54.40	10	
Error in 50% lowest flows:	27.44	10	
Error in 10% highest flows:	57.55	15	
Seasonal volume error - Summer:	8.04	30	
Seasonal volume error - Fall:	39.12	30	
Seasonal volume error - Winter:	57.31	30	
Seasonal volume error - Spring:	61.74	30	

# Hydrology Validation for Verdugo Wash at Estelle Avenue (gage F252-R, model subwatershed 21).

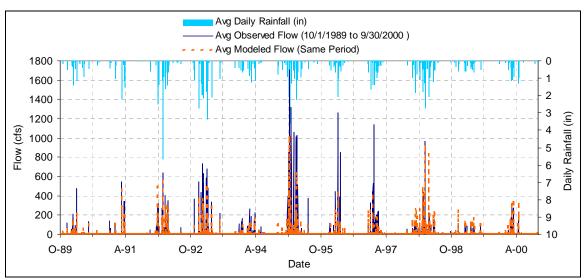


Figure B-17. Comparison of Modeled and Observed Daily Flows for Verdugo Wash at Estelle Avenue.

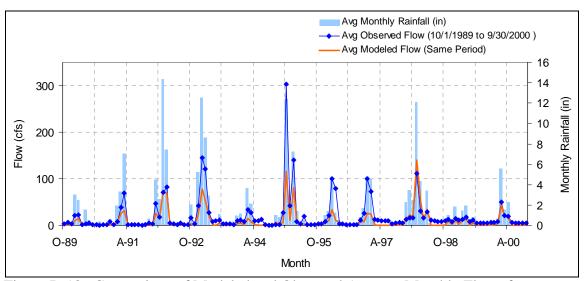


Figure B-18. Comparison of Modeled and Observed Average Monthly Flows for Verdugo Wash at Estelle Avenue.

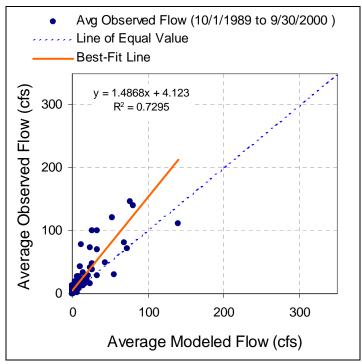


Figure B-19. Regression of Modeled and Observed Average Monthly Flows for Verdugo Wash at Estelle Avenue.

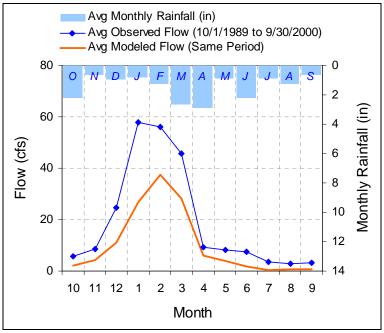


Figure B-20. Seasonal Variation of Modeled and Observed Flows for Verdugo Wash at Estelle Avenue.

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Table B-5. Volumes and Relative Error of Modeled Flows Versus Observed Flows for Verdugo Wash at Estelle Avenue.

LSPC Simulated Flow		Observed Flow Gage				
REACH OUTFLOW FROM SUBBASIN 21 11-Year Analysis Period: 10/1/1989 - 9/30/2000 Flow volumes are (inches/year) for upstream drainage are	a Volume (acre-ft)	Flow Gage F252-R Los Angeles, CA	Volume (acre-ft)			
Total Simulated In-stream Flow:	7,372	Total Observed In-stream Flow:	13,981			
Total of simulated highest 10% flows: Total of Simulated lowest 50% flows:	6,906 181	Total of Observed highest 10% flows: Total of Observed Lowest 50% flows:	10,971 705			
Simulated Summer Flow Volume (months 7-9): Simulated Fall Flow Volume (months 10-12):	109 1,069	Observed Summer Flow Volume (7-9): Observed Fall Flow Volume (10-12):	593 2,373			
Simulated Winter Flow Volume (months 1-3): Simulated Spring Flow Volume (months 4-6):	5,489 706	Observed Winter Flow Volume (1-3): Observed Spring Flow Volume (4-6):	9,518 1,498			
Errors (Simulated-Observed)	Error (%)	Recommended Criteria				
Error in total volume:	-89.65	10				
Error in 50% lowest flows:	-289.24	10				
Error in 10% highest flows:	-58.85	15				
Seasonal volume error - Summer:	-444.11	30				
Seasonal volume error - Fall:	-122.01	30				
Seasonal volume error - Winter:	-73.40	30				
Seasonal volume error - Spring:	-112.27	30				

# Hydrology Validation for the Los Angeles River above Arroyo Seco (gage F57C-R, model subwatershed 24).

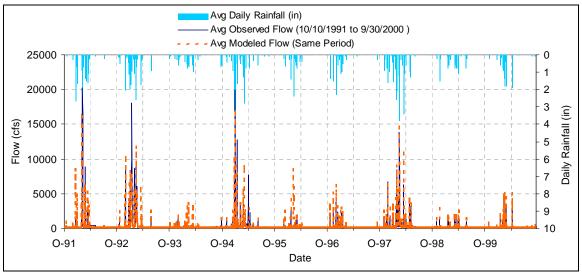


Figure B-21. Comparison of Modeled and Observed Daily Flows for the LA River above Arroyo Seco.

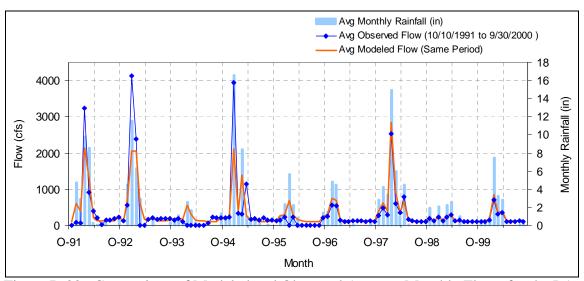


Figure B-22. Comparison of Modeled and Observed Average Monthly Flows for the LA River above Arroyo Seco.

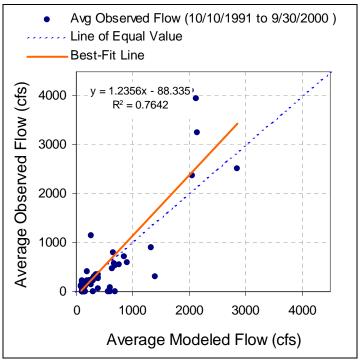


Figure B-23. Regression of Modeled and Observed Average Monthly Flows for the LA River above Arroyo Seco.

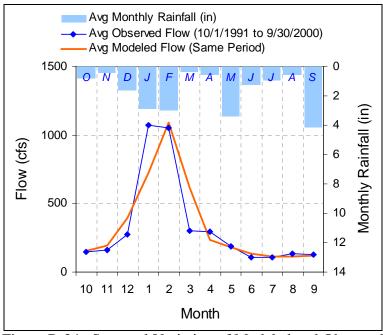


Figure B-24. Seasonal Variation of Modeled and Observed Flows for the LA River above Arroyo Seco.

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Table B-6. Volumes and Relative Error of Modeled Flows Versus Observed Flows for the LA River above Arroyo Seco.

LSPC Simulated Flow		Observed Flow Gage					
REACH OUTFLOW FROM SUBBASIN 24 8.98-Year Analysis Period: 10/1/1991 - 9/30/2000 Flow volumes are (inches/year) for upstream drainage area Volume (acre-ft)		Flow Gage F57C-R Los Angeles, CA	Volume (acre-ft)				
Total Simulated In-stream Flow:	244,224	Total Observed In-stream Flow:	237,715				
Total of simulated highest 10% flows: Total of Simulated lowest 50% flows:	162,094 39,253	Total of Observed highest 10% flows: Total of Observed Lowest 50% flows:	165,321 23,418				
Simulated Summer Flow Volume (months 7-9): Simulated Fall Flow Volume (months 10-12): Simulated Winter Flow Volume (months 1-3): Simulated Spring Flow Volume (months 4-6):	21,405 45,527 144,081 33,210	Observed Summer Flow Volume (7-9): Observed Fall Flow Volume (10-12): Observed Winter Flow Volume (1-3): Observed Spring Flow Volume (4-6):	22,681 35,238 144,062 35,734				
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Errors (Simulated-Observed)  Error in total volume:	2.67	Recommended Criteria					
Error in 50% lowest flows:	40.34	10					
Error in 10% highest flows:	-1.99	15					
Seasonal volume error - Summer:	-5.96	30					
Seasonal volume error - Fall:	22.60	30					
Seasonal volume error - Winter:	0.01	30					
Seasonal volume error - Spring:	-7.60	30					

# Hydrology Validation for the Los Angeles River below Firestone Boulevard (gage F34D-R, model subwatershed 25).

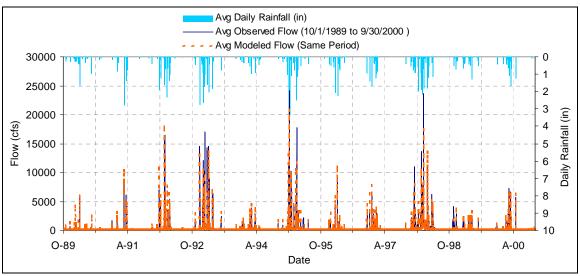


Figure B-25. Comparison of Modeled and Observed Daily Flows for the LA River below Firestone Boulevard.

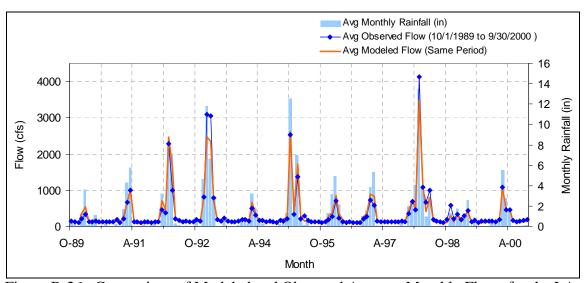


Figure B-26. Comparison of Modeled and Observed Average Monthly Flows for the LA River below Firestone Boulevard.

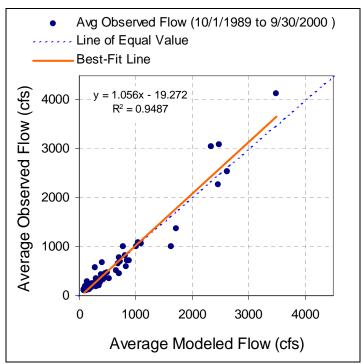


Figure B-27. Regression of Modeled and Observed Average Monthly Flows for the LA River below Firestone Boulevard.

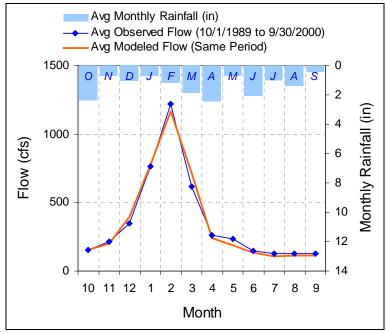


Figure B-28. Seasonal Variation of Modeled and Observed Flows for the LA River below Firestone Boulevard.

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Table B-7. Volumes and Relative Error of Modeled Flows Versus Observed Flows for the LA River below Firestone Boulevard.

LSPC Simulated Flow		Observed Flow Gage					
REACH OUTFLOW FROM SUBBASIN 25 11-Year Analysis Period: 10/1/1989 - 9/30/2000 Flow volumes are (inches/year) for upstream drainage at	rea	Flow Gage F34D-R Los Angeles, CA					
	Volume (acre-ft)		Volume (acre-ft)				
Total Simulated In-stream Flow:	257,666	Total Observed In-stream Flow:	257,817				
Total of simulated highest 10% flows: Total of Simulated lowest 50% flows:	179,186 37,341	Total of Observed highest 10% flows: Total of Observed Lowest 50% flows:	170,343 40,980				
Simulated Summer Flow Volume (months 7-9): Simulated Fall Flow Volume (months 10-12): Simulated Winter Flow Volume (months 1-3): Simulated Spring Flow Volume (months 4-6):	20,791 45,916 157,209 33,751	Observed Summer Flow Volume (7-9): Observed Fall Flow Volume (10-12): Observed Winter Flow Volume (1-3): Observed Spring Flow Volume (4-6):	22,834 43,477 153,070 38,436				
Errors (Simulated-Observed)	Current Run (n)	Recommended Criteria					
Error in total volume:	-0.06	10					
Error in 50% lowest flows:	-9.75	10					
Error in 10% highest flows:	4.93	15					
Seasonal volume error - Summer:	-9.82	30					
Seasonal volume error - Fall:	5.31	30					
Seasonal volume error - Winter:	2.63	30					
Seasonal volume error - Spring:	-13.88	30					

# Hydrology Validation for the Los Angeles River below Wardlow River Road (gage F319-R, model subwatershed 35).

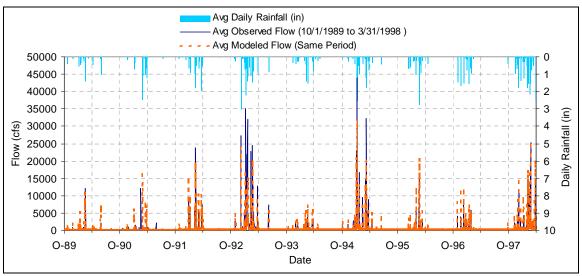


Figure B-29. Comparison of Modeled and Observed Daily Flows for the LA River below Wardlow River Road.

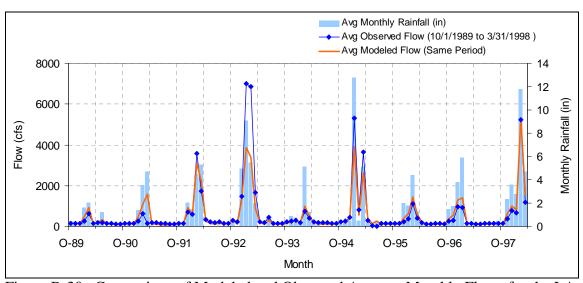


Figure B-30. Comparison of Modeled and Observed Average Monthly Flows for the LA River below Wardlow River Road.

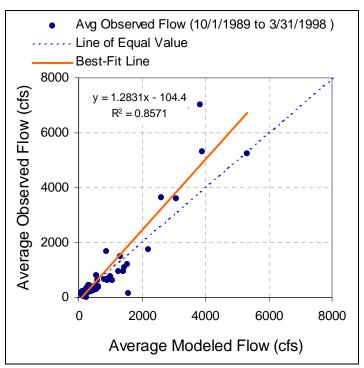


Figure B-31. Regression of Modeled and Observed Average Monthly Flows for the LA River below Wardlow River Road.

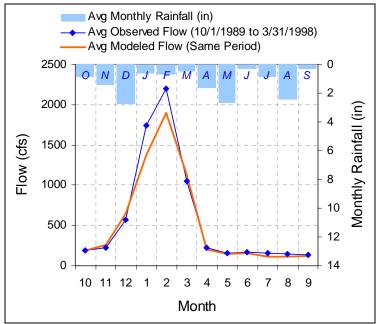


Figure B-32. Seasonal Variation of Modeled and Observed Flows for the LA River below Wardlow River Road.

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Table B-8. Volumes and Relative Error of Modeled Flows Versus Observed Flows for the LA River below Wardlow River Road.

LSPC Simulated Flow		Observed Flow Gage	
REACH OUTFLOW FROM SUBBASIN 35 8.5-Year Analysis Period: 10/1/1989 - 3/31/1998		Flow Gage F319-R Los Angeles, CA	
Flow volumes are (inches/year) for upstream drainage are	ea Volume (acre-ft)		Volume (acre-ft)
Total Simulated In-stream Flow:	394,911	Total Observed In-stream Flow:	431,200
Total of simulated highest 10% flows:	307,787	Total of Observed highest 10% flows:	320,578
Total of Simulated lowest 50% flows:	39,309	Total of Observed Lowest 50% flows:	46,158
Simulated Summer Flow Volume ( months 7-9):	20,205	Observed Summer Flow Volume (7-9):	24,797
Simulated Fall Flow Volume (months 10-12):	70,661	Observed Fall Flow Volume (10-12):	63,764
Simulated Winter Flow Volume (months 1-3):	275,206	Observed Winter Flow Volume (1-3):	311,727
Simulated Spring Flow Volume (months 4-6):	28,840	Observed Spring Flow Volume (4-6):	30,912
Errors (Simulated-Observed)	Error (%)	Recommended Criteria	
Error in total volume:	-9.19	10	
Error in 50% lowest flows:	-17.42	10	
Error in 10% highest flows:	-4.16	15	
Seasonal volume error - Summer:	-22.73	30	
Seasonal volume error - Fall:	9.76	30	
Seasonal volume error - Winter:	-13.27	30	
Seasonal volume error - Spring:	-7.19	30	

Table B-9. Hydrology Model Parameters Used for Modeling the LA River Watershed.

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Fraction of Remaining E-T from Active Groundwater	AGWETP	none	0.05	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04
Daily Base Groundwater Recession	AGWRC	none	0.97	0.98	0.965	0.965	0.965	0.965
Fraction of Remaining E-T from Baseflow	BASETP	none	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05
Interception Storage Capacity	CEPSC	inches	0.23	0.27	0.17	0.17	0.17	0.17
Fraction of Groundwater to Deep Aquifer	DEEPFR	none	0.45	0.75	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
Infiltration Equation Exponent	INFEXP	none	2	2	2	2	2	2
Ratio Between Maximum and Mean Infiltration Capacities	INFILD	none	2	2	2	2	2	2
Infiltration Capacity of the Soil	INFILT	inches/hr	0.17	0.17	0.17	0.17	0.17	0.17
Interflow Inflow Parameter	INTFW	none	2	2	2	2	2	2
Interflow Recession Parameter (oer day)	IRC	none	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6
Groundwater Recession	KVARY	1/inches	3	3	3	3	3	3
Length of Overland Flow Plane	LSUR	feet	300	300	300	300	300	300
Lower Zone E-T Parameter	LZETP	none	0.7	0.78	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Lower Zone Nominal Storage	LZSN	inches	11	13.4	9	9	9	9
Manning's n for Overland Flow Plane	NSUR	none	0.25	0.35	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Temperature Below which E-T is Reduced	PETMAX	deg F	35	35	35	35	35	35
Temperature Below which E-T is Zero	PETMIN	deg F	30	30	30	30	30	30
Slope of Overland Flow Plane	SLSUR	none	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05
Upper Zone Nominal Storage	UZSN	inches	0.7	0.82	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6
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Fraction of Remaining E-T from Active Groundwater	AGWETP	none	0.05	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04
Daily Base Groundwater Recession	AGWRC	none	0.97	0.98	0.965	0.965	0.965	0.965
Fraction of Remaining E-T from Baseflow	BASETP	none	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05
Interception Storage Capacity	CEPSC	inches	0.23	0.27	0.17	0.17	0.17	0.17
Fraction of Groundwater to Deep Aquifer	DEEPFR	none	0.43	0.79	0.38	0.38	0.38	0.38
Infiltration Equation Exponent	INFEXP	none	2	2	2	2	2	2
Ratio Between Maximum and Mean Infiltration Capacities	INFILD	none	2	2	2	2	2	2
Infiltration Capacity of the Soil	INFILT	inches/hr	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15
Interflow Inflow Parameter	INTFW	none	2	2	2	2	2	2
Interflow Recession Parameter (oer day)	IRC	none	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6
Groundwater Recession	KVARY	1/inches	3	3	3	3	3	3
Length of Overland Flow Plane	LSUR	feet	300	300	300	300	300	300
Lower Zone E-T Parameter	LZETP	none	0.7	0.78	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Lower Zone Nominal Storage	LZSN	inches	11	13.4	9	9	9	9
Manning's n for Overland Flow Plane	NSUR	none	0.25	0.35	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Temperature Below which E-T is Reduced	PETMAX	deg F	35	35	35	35	35	35
Temperature Below which E-T is Zero	PETMIN	deg F	30	30	30	30	30	30
Slope of Overland Flow Plane	SLSUR	none	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05
Upper Zone Nominal Storage	UZSN	inches	0.7	0.835	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6

Impervious Parameters	Parameter	Units	Land Use					
	Code	Units	AGR	FOR	RES	COM	IND	отн
5	Soil Group C							
Length of Overland Flow Plane	LSUR	feet	300	300	300	300	300	300
Manning's n for Overland Flow Plane	NSUR	None	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06
Temperature Below which E-T is Reduced	PETMAX	deg F	35	35	35	35	35	35
Temperature Below which E-T is Zero	PETMIN	deg F	30	30	30	30	30	30
Retention Storage Capacity of the Surface	RETSC	inches	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Slope of Overland Flow Plane	SLSUR	None	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05
\$	Soil Group D							
Length of Overland Flow Plane	LSUR	feet	300	300	300	300	300	300
Manning's n for Overland Flow Plane	NSUR	none	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06
Temperature Below which E-T is Reduced	PETMAX	deg F	35	35	35	35	35	35
Temperature Below which E-T is Zero	PETMIN	deg F	30	30	30	30	30	30
Retention Storage Capacity of the Surface	RETSC	inches	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Slope of Overland Flow Plane	SLSUR	none	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05

<sup>\*</sup> Land Use Codes: AGR = Agriculture; FOR = Forest / Open; RES = Residential; COM = Commercial; IND = Industrial; OTH = Other